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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Case No.: MBHB00-814-A (400/034US))

In re the Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1635
McSwiggen et al.) Examiner: Sean R. McGarry
Serial No.: 09/927,046) Confirmation No.: 4737
Filed: August 9, 2001)
For: METHOD AND REAGENT FOR THE INHIBITION OF CALCIUM ACTIVATED CHLORIDE CHANNEL-1 (CLCA-1))))

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In regard to the above identified application,

- We are transmitting herewith the attached: 1.
 - Response To Office Action Mailed January 14, 2004;
 - Application Data Sheet; and
 - Petition for Extension of Time.
- GENERAL AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE OR CREDIT FEES: Please charge 2. any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.
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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 14, 2004

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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the following response to the Office Action mailed on January 14, 2004. A petition for a three-month extension of time is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

An Appendix is attached following page 11 of this paper.

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